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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

An urgent message to the FCC,

I am a customer that benefits from my local internet company's excellent service and their access to Bridge 2 Broadband. I previously had internet and phone connections with the larger telecom providers whose service was inferior and prices higher! Competition is good for everyone. My local internet provider keeps expanding its fiber connections and our Sonoma County community has benefited from these improved connections. We do not want to be forced to choose between only the mega-companies! Our local company not only provides great telephone and internet service in our rural area but is committed to hiring locals for their well paid positions.

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